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SUBJECT: SOMALIA/HOA: PDAS CARTER INFORMED THAT UK TO INCREASE SOMALIA ENGAGEMENT REF: LONDON 1635 Classified By: Acting Political Counselor Da
1.4 (b/d)

1.(C) Summary. Foreign Office East Africa and Great Lakes DAS-equivalent Jonathan Allen told AF PDAS Carter July 22 that ministers decided July

2.(C) AF PDAS Carter discussed supporting the TFG in Somalia and the Somali regions of Somaliland and Puntland, the negative role of Eritrea in

3.(C) Indicating a 180-degree policy shift, Allen said the UK Government had been reviewing its Somalia policy (reftel) and ministers had decided
Eritrea and Sanctions

4.(C) Allen said Eritrea was a spoiler, especially because of the support it supplies directly to or allows to be provided to al-Shabaab. He agreed
Somaliland

5.(C) Allen said the UK plans "to thicken" its support to Somaliland, though the British government is not considering recognition at this stage
Puntland

6.(C) Allen said the UK is talking to the Puntland authorities more and trying to assess the British government's ability to work with them. The
BBC Somali Service

7.(C) Carter presented Allen with the information about a possible bias in the BBC Somali Service's reporting. Allen noted that the Somali Service
Kenya

8.(C) Allen strongly supported the need for the U.S., UK, and international community to work together to pressure the Kenyan government on the
ICC

9.(C) In light of the recent high-level African ICC cases, Carter said it was important to deal with the perception that the ICC only takes on
Ethiopia

10.(C) Allen agreed that the 2010 elections in Ethiopia would likely not be free and fair and that a focus on governance would be the only way

11.(U) This cable was cleared by PDAS Carter. Visit London's Classified Website: XXXXXXXXXXXX Kingdom LeBaron